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Improved Elastomeric Contact)
Pressure Pad)

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Third Response

Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 29, 2004.

Applicants propose to cancel claims 6, 10 and 11 leaving claims 1-5 and 7-9 remaining in the patent application.

Applicants propose to amend base claim 7 by incorporating the number limitation of cancelled dependent claim 11. Applicants propose similar amendments to base claims 1 and 4. Finally applicants propose amending base claim 4 by incorporating the limitations of cancelled dependent claim 6.

Applicants request entry of the amendment under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.116 and reconsideration of claims 1-5 and 7-9.